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The Cockney Raj

A cognomen for the Yeek, or contemporary Britain, used because all "authority figures" (representatives of the Government, the B.B.C., teachers, the former aristocracy, etc.), who used to uphold the quasi-raihiralan standard of Received (or the Queen's) English, now deliberately speak an artificial conflation of lower-class accents known as Estuary English or Rivermouth, which is loosely regarded as Cockney by Aristasians.

As one Aristasian put it when hearing that a modern English person had spoken of a neo-British politician as having a relatively cultivated accent: "Yeeks have a much finer ear than I have - I cannot distinguish these subtle shades of Cockney."

The phenomenon of quasi-raihiralan authority having been supplanted by a pseudo-plebeian culture was described by Miss Genevieve Falconer, a pre-((Operation+Bridgehead|Bridgehead)) Aristasian writer and critic, thus: "It is not so much that the monkeys have taken over the zoo as that the zookeepers have evolved into monkeys."

Many Aristasians, particularly since Operation Bridgehead, see the demise of English culture as providential, giving a form to Aristasia-in-Telluria for its Western provinces that could not have been so freely adopted if it were still in use. *Vide* Aristasian Speech.

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